GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

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LAND LOSERS OF MEJIA THERMAL POWER STATION
Khan Shri Sunil

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether at the time of acquisition of land for installation of Power Plant at Bankura district in West Bengal by DVC the State Government of West Bengal and the management of DVC made an agreement to provide job to the families of land losers of Mejia Thermal Power Station;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether after commissioning of fourth unit 240 families are out of job;

(d) if so, the reasons behind it; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER(SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) : No, Sir. The Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) has reported that no agreement has been signed by DVC with the State Government of West Bengal to provide jobs to the families of land losers of Mejia Thermal Power Station (MTPS).

(b) : Does not arise.

(c) to (e) : DVC has informed that as per the `Recruitment Policy for Unskilled and Manual Posts at MTPS for displaced persons on rehabilitation grounds` framed in 1996, they have already absorbed in phases, 280 persons out of 500 listed displaced persons, in regular Group `D` posts. Further, absorption of the balance persons in the panel depends on the actual requirement of manpower at MTPS.

In view of the fact that the Man-Megawatt ratio in DVC thermal power stations is quite high in comparison to the national norms, DVC has formulated a policy to offer a lump sum amount of Rs.3 lakhs each to the listed displaced persons as on-time settlement in lieu of employment over and above the compensation already paid against the acquired land.